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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Greg Blankenship

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Date of Interview Oct 31, 2001Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: 1-24

Identification of prior art discussed:

No.Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☒ No.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

A discussion on the outstanding election of species requirement was had. It was determined that the election of species requirement was made in error and that no response to it was necessary. The error was that although there are two distinct hoist assemblies shown, they both operate the same way. Since the claims are directed to a method and the hoist assemblies operate the in the same manner, there is no distinction between the inventions, the method. Therefore, the election requirement has been removed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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